Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.

339. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether in virtue of the Cochin Darbar's membership in the above Council as announced at page 667 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 9th Medam 1109 any advice or opinion has been sought for by the Darbar upon any subject dealt with by that body ;

(b) if not, have the Government any intention of seeking Council's advice or opinion in any matter ;

(c) is the Government preparing any scheme for the carrying out of which financial help may be expected under the rules of the said Council ;

(d) what are the main privileges of membership ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. Advice regarding the best and most economic methods of manufacturing refined jaggery has been sought for.

(b) Please see answer to (a) above.

(c) A scheme for the investigation into the cocoanut leaf disease in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk is under preparation.

(d) The State is represented both on the Governing Body and the Advisory Board having one representative on the former and two on the latter. The State is also entitled to advice on Agricultural matters from the Council and its experts and to a contribution for schemes approved by the Board.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the advice sought for has been obtained ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. We have written for it only very recently.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Who are the representatives of both ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On the governing body the Diwan is the representative and on the other body, the Superintendent of Agriculture and the Chief Veterinary Officer of the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know at what stage the scheme mentioned in sub-division (c) is at present ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is under preparation. The Agricultural Superintendent is preparing the scheme.

Filling up the Cochin Magistrate's post.

340. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) whether they are aware that the post of Cochin Magistrate was not being filled up for some time ;

(ii) if so, for how many days and for what reasons ?

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(b) how many cases are now lying on the file of the Cochin Magistrate, Mattancheri, and who was looking after the duty of trying these cases during the above period ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (i) Yes.

(ii) From the afternoon of 13th Mithunam 1109 to the afternoon of 3rd Karkadagam 1109. The reason was that the Sub-Magistrate of Cochin was asked to take charge as District Munsiff of Vadakkancheri, urgently before orders appointing a substitute at Cochin could be issued.

(b) There were 104 Second Class cases and 17 First Class cases on the file of the Cochin Magistrate. The Kanayannur Magistrate was in charge of the Court in Mattancheri as well.

Purchase of horses.

341. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answers to Question No. 214, dated 21st February 1934 and also answers to supplementary questions:—

(a) whether the enquiry is over; and if so,

(b) whether a copy of the enquiry report will be printed and placed on the table ;

(c) what action has been taken by the Government on the report;

(d) the price of each geld and mare paid in Bombay ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) (b) and (c). The matter is still under enquiry.

(d) Rs. 550 each.

Confirmation in the Traffic Department.

342. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Traffic Department was not confirmed recently;

(b) whether there is any Traffic Inspector or Superintendent in the confirmed Traffic Department ;

(c) whether the present head of the Traffic Department has any experience in the said department;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the negative, what were the reasons to prefer one without experience to the one with experience ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) No answer is necessary in view of reply to (c).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The present head of the Traffic Department, it is said, has some experience in the

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